



## Inspection Report

STEARNS ZOOLOGICAL RESCUE AND REHAB

Customer ID: 16585

Certificate: 58-C-0883

Site: 001

STEARNS ZOOLOGICAL RESCUE AND REHAB

36909 BLANTON RD

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

DADE CITY, FL 33525

Date: May-04-2010

**3.125 (a)**

### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

\*\*\*There is one elevated resting surface within an enclosure that contains 2 tigers that has become extremely worn, splintered and is no longer in good repair. This structure must be maintained in good repair or replaced when damaged to protect the contained animals from injury.

To be corrected by 5/15/10

**3.127 (c)**

### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(c) Drainage. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

\*\*\*There are a series of interconnected enclosures housing 4 tigers at the back of the facility and one of the enclosures contains a pool for the tigers. The enclosure with the pool is retaining water because the drains used to remove excess water are blocked or nonfunctional. An adjacent enclosure has also become muddy which can result in soiling of the animals' hair coats. The current drainage system must be repaired or modified in the interconnected enclosures so that excess water is rapidly eliminated to minimize soiling of the contained animals and to provide an environment that is appropriate for the animals health and well being.

To be corrected by: 5/12/10

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## **Inspection Report**

**3.127** (d)

## **FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.**

(d) Perimeter fence. On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities (i.e., facilities not entirely indoors) must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. Fences less than 8 feet high for potentially dangerous animals, such as, but not limited to, large felines (e.g., lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, etc.), bears, wolves, rhinoceros, and elephants, or less than 6 feet high for other animals must be approved in writing by the Administrator. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence. Such fences less than 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

\*\*\*There is one section of perimeter fencing connected to the service gate at the front of the facility and extending to the electric fencing, which is made of 6 foot chain link fencing with an extension containing strands of barbed wire on the top. The barbed wire areas are being pulled down by overhanging vines which prevent this section of fence from being 8 feet as required for dangerous animals contained on the premises. The fencing must be maintained and/or constructed of such materials that will ensure dangerous animals are contained within an 8 foot perimeter fence and to restrict animals and unauthorized persons from entering the facility.

To be corrected by: 7/5/10.

Note: This was a focused inspection of all dangerous animals and selected non-dangerous animals. An exit briefing was conducted with the licensee on 5/4/10.

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**2.131 (c) (1)**

### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

(c)(1) During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

\*\*\*Photos show a volunteer sitting directly next to a 10 month old tiger. No barriers were observed between the volunteer and the tiger. Significant harm could result due to the failure to maintain barriers between dangerous animals and the public. Sufficient distance and/or barriers must be maintained between dangerous animals and the public to assure the safety of all involved. Correct immediately.

This focused inspection was conducted based on a complaint received by the Eastern Regional Office. Inspection and exit interview were conducted with the owner.

End of report

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This report is amended to correct inspection report 7101130470043 to remove citation 2.131 (c) (1), which was determined to be in error and to show the facility was not in violation of AWA regulations.

End of report.

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Date: Oct-13-2009

**3.127 (b)****FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.**

(b) Shelter from inclement weather. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals. Individual animals shall be acclimated before they are exposed to the extremes of the individual climate.

\*\*\*The wood top of the shelter box for the three jungle cats is in disrepair from scratching/chewing. This top needs to be replaced or a new shelter provided.

\*\*\*There is no shelter provided for the three buffalo and the two beefalo housed in the back section of the compound. Shelter must be provided to afford the animals protection and to prevent discomfort.

Correct by:10-15-09.

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\*\*\*The perimeter fence is used as the back portion of the enclosure fence for the eleven whitetail deer. This does not restrict unauthorized persons from having physical contact from outside the perimeter fence. The perimeter fence can not function as a secondary containment system for the animals when used as a portion of the enclosure fence. A Perimeter fence needs to be added to this section for protection and well being of the animals.

\*\*\*There is a large section of the wire perimeter fence behind the owl monkey and ferret enclosures which have excessive foliage which has pushed the top barbed wire and the supports down to a height of approximately six feet six inches. In this same area there is a gap of approximately six inches high and 24 inches long. The fence needs to be repaired and brought up to the required eight feet in height. Foliage needs to be controlled to maintain the structural integrity of the perimeter fence.

Correct by: 11-15-09.

End of report.

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Date: Sep-01-2009

**3.127 (b)**

### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(b) Shelter from inclement weather. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.

\*\*\*There were four young tigers in an outdoor enclosure. A large black plastic drainage pipe and one large plastic dog kennel were provided for shelter. The licensee stated that another large dog kennel had been removed from the enclosure because the tigers had destroyed it. Additional shelter needs to be added or a larger shelter must be provided to afford all the tigers access to shelter at the same time. The shelter(s) must be large enough for all the tigers to make normal postural movements.

Correct by: 09-02-09.

This inspection was a focused inspection of the tiger cub(s) only.

End of report.

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Date: Sep-22-2008

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\*\*\*The perimeter fence that surrounds the facility is not 8 feet high in multiple areas. The areas of concern are located on the left side and rear area of the property near the new lion and tiger enclosures. The fencing in that area has been covered with dirt and gravel due to drainage and run off on the property. Portions of the fence located in that area measure 6.6 feet high. The perimeter fence must be 8 feet high and must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. Correct by: November 22, 2008

Reviewed: Program of Veterinary Care; Acquisition/Disposition Records

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Type: ATTEMPTED INSPECTION  
Date: May-20-2008

**2.126 (a) (1)**

**ACCESS AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS AND PROPERTY.**

(a) Each dealer, exhibitor, intermediate handler, or carrier, shall, during business hours, allow APHIS officials: (1) To enter its place of business.

\*\*\*On Tuesday, May 20, 2008, the licensee did not have a responsible person available to conduct an animal welfare inspection. This is the first attempted inspection. A responsible person must be available to accompany the inspector on an animal welfare inspection. Please contact me via voicemail at 703-812-6033 if your hours of operation have changed. Correct: Immediately

LAST INSPECTION: December 18, 2007

ANIMAL INVENTORY: No animals inspected at this time.

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Date: Dec-18-2007

No noncompliant items identified during inspection.

Reviewed: Acquisition/Disposition records

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